

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01321-RDM**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
 STATE

Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/04/2018  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/04/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5515090) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons as to USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons as to AG, # <u>4</u> Summons as to State)(Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 06/04/2018)

06/04/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 06/04/2018)
06/04/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zjd) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties comply with the directives set forth in this Court's Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/5/2018. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/14/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 06/14/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/5/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/5/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/11/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/11/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/05/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a status conference on July 24, 2018, at 2:15 p.m., in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer prior to the status conference to discuss the status of the Department's search and scheduling for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/6/2018. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
07/06/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 7/24/2018, at 2:15 PM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Alexander McGrath on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Main Document 8 replaced on 8/7/2018) (znmw). (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Status Conference held on 7/24/2018. The parties shall commence the process of meeting and conferring by 8/22/2018; Joint Status Report due on or before 8/29/2018. (Court Reporter: Jeff Hook.) (kt) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
08/29/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 08/29/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Joint Status Report <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before September 26, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/31/2018. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/04/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/26/2018. (kt) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Joint Status Report <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before October 25, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/28/2018. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2018. (kt) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
10/25/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/25/2018)

10/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before November 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/26/2018. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018. (kt) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before January 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/29/2018. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/30/2019. (kt) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
01/30/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
01/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further status report on or before March 6, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/31/2019. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/6/2019. (kt) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
02/15/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of All Defendants (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before May 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/8/2019. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/1/2019. (kt) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
05/01/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/01/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another status report on or before July 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/2/2019. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2019. (kt) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before September 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/1/2019. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/2/2019. (kt) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
09/03/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 09/03/2019)
09/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>18</u> , the Court hereby ORDERS that the parties shall file a further status report on or before November 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/3/19. (lcrdm1, ) (Entered: 09/03/2019)
09/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/4/2019. (kt) (Entered: 09/04/2019)

11/04/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 11/04/2019)
11/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>19</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before January 9, 2020. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/5/19. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 11/05/2019)